# TEMPORARY SHORT-TERM GUIDELINES

SERVICES

Nanny

Mother's Helper\*

Overnight Childcare

Newborn Specialist

Senior Care

Overnight Senior Care

Housekeeper Pet Care

Pet Care or House Live-In

Party Help / Waitress / Bartender

Errands and Shopping Personal Assistant

Personal Chef

#### **TYPICAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES**

\$15-20 Per Hour \$17-25 Per Hour

\$150-200 Per Calendar Day

\$17-30 Per Hour \$16-25 Per Hour

\$175-200 Per Calendar Day

\$20-30 Per Hour \$25-30 Per Check In

\$60-75 Per Calendar Day

\$25-35 Per Hour \$15-20 Per Hour \$20-35 Per Hour \$25-50 Per Hour

\*Mother's Helper means care of children, light housekeeping chores, errands, shopping, light pick-up, dishes.

## **AGENCY REFERRAL FEES**

### Families pay a \$295 non-refundable annual registration fee.

Once a referral is confirmed the per day non-refundable Agency Referral Fees are as follows:

<u>Day and Evening Referrals: \$40.00 Per Day\*</u> Overnight Referrals: \$50.00 Per Day\*

Newborn Specialist Referrals: \$50.00 Per Day\*

Newborn Specialist Overnight Referrals: \$60.00 Per Day\*

Holiday Referrals: \$60.00 Per Day\*

Non-Registered Families \$70.00 Per Day and Overnight and Holiday Referrals: \$80.00 Per Day\*

\*Less than 24 hours notice during business hours and emergency service, there is an extra \$20 fee.

### **GUIDELINES**

- 1. The Decision to employ a Service Provider will rest solely with the Client. When a Client employs a referred Service Provider, following a search, or at any unspecified future date, a Referral Fee will be due. The amount of this fee will depend on the nature and duration of the employment arrangement. A Referral Fee is due for each and every Service Provider the Client elects to employ. SS@MA does not discount the Referral Fee if the client employs two or more Service Providers.
- 2. The Service Providers may not leave their telephone number with the Client. Service Providers should be contacted through SS@MA.
- 3. SS@MA does not set salaries for the Service Providers. The Service Providers are independently contracted, employed and paid directly by the Client. The figures given are based on the Service Provider's background experience, qualification and education. Rates for the Service Providers may be slightly higher, depending on the number of children in the family. Service Providers may charge extra for visiting children.
- 4. Clients are responsible to pay the Service Provider for the amount of time booked, with a grace period of one hour.
- 5. SS@MA will bill Client's credit card for any confirmed referral generated through SS@MA and its Service Providers.
- 6. Should a Client want to hire the Provider on a permanent basis, the Client agrees to pay SS@MA the Long-term Placement Fee.
- 7. There is a four (4) hour minimum for all services provided by SS@MA Service Providers.
- 8. A \$15 interview fee is to be paid to the Service Provider at the time of the interview.
- 9. Service Providers may charge extra for the following holidays (New Year's Day, Easter Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve after 6pm, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve after 6pm.)
- 10. Service Providers should not be expected to go through a mealtime without eating.
- 11. Service Providers cannot administer medication of any kind unless the Client has filled out a medical release form.
- 12. Temporary Service Providers are responsible for paying their own taxes when their services are requested on an occasional basis. If, however, arrangements are made between you and the Service Provider which result in their wages reaching \$1,700.00 a year, then you must assume some employer tax responsibilities. For information about tax law or employer obligations, please give a call to Breedlove & Associates at 888-273-3356 or www.breedlove-online.com.

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## **TRANSPORTATION**

- 1. Service Providers may request reimbursement at \$.55 per mile for transporting children in their vehicles.
- 2. Clients must sign a transportation release form if transportation is required for any position. SS@MA shall not be responsible for a Service Provider using her/his own vehicle to transport children or run errands. SS@MA makes no representation as to the Service Provider's driving ability, nor does SS@MA carry insurance to cover driving risks.

## **CANCELLATIONS**

- There is a \$25.00 Service Provider charge for cancellations with less than 24 hours notice, in addition to the non-refundable Referral Fee.
- 2. For Overnight positions, the Client will pay the Provider a non-refundable deposit equal to one calendar day's pay at time of interview to reserve overnight.
- 3. In severe weather conditions, the Referral Fee will not be charged.

# SERVICE PROVIDERS

- 1. Service Providers are independent contractors, employed and paid directly by the Client according to their individual rate schedule. SS@MA is a referral agency. Our Service Providers are not SS@MA employees. SS@MA maintains a screened list of qualified service providers that we refer to qualified Clients. SS@MA does not establish Service Providers hourly wage rates, work schedules or set the terms and conditions of employment nor are we responsible for the performance of Service Providers. The Client agrees in conjunction with the Service Providers to hourly wage rates and other conditions of employment. Please review typical rates for various services on the front of this form.
- 2. SS@MA has a 10-step screening and background check that includes: a personal interview, reference check, finger printing, health and safety orientation, criminal history, driving history, social security verification, TB screening, and CPR.
- 3. SS@MA charges a daily referral fee for each Service Provider requested by the Client. In consideration of the referral of a Service Provider by SS@MA, the Client shall pay SS@MA a referral fee for each day the SS@MA's Service Provider is employed by the Client. This referral fee is non-refundable, even if the Client cancels or makes any changes. (Clients are responsible for paying SS@MA fees for referral of Service Providers even if the Client's registration is no longer current). Referral fees are subject to change without notice.
- 4. By signing this agreement with SS@MA (Enclosure 2) you agree to keep in confidence the identity of all Service Providers referred by SS@MA. Client also agrees that all scheduling of Temporary Short0Term Service be made through SS@MA. Client is not to contact a Service Provider without the agency's involvement. Service Providers have agreed in writing that service between a Service Provider and a Client without SS@MA notification will be viewed as an intentional act to interfere with the contractual rights of SS@MA and will result in the Client being held accountable for fill payment of SS@MA referral fees, plus special handling/investigative fees (\$175 per hour) and reasonable attorney's fees. There is a \$500 penalty if SS@MA has not been contracted within 24 hours of booking a Service Provider for an assignment.
- 5. In the event a Service Provider is hired by the Client on a permanent basis, the Client shall be obligated to pay SS@MA's current Long-Term Placement Fee in addition to the daily Referral Fees accrued through the date of permanent hire. The daily Referral Fees shall cease only upon the payment of the Long-Term Placement Fee. Otherwise, the Client will be held liable for special handling/investigative fees (\$175 hour) and reasonable attorney's fees.
- 6. Nondiscrimination: SS@MA is an equal opportunity agency and in the performance of this Agreement, neither SS@MA nor the Client shall discriminate on any impermissible basis, including race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. Client shall indemnify SS@MA Service Provider above for any claims of such discrimination by the Service Provider or any other person.

Regular Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm 703-250-0700 Ext. 14 or 800-526-2669

Before and After Hours Emergency Service call: 703-928-9434

Monday to Friday 6:00am to 8:30am and 5:00pm to 9:00pm Saturday 8:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday 12:00pm to 9:00pm

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